Code of Conduct for private Journalism with PCI

87. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking to formulate a Code of Conduct for Private Journalism in association with Press Council of India;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider imposing laws to electronic media companies to restrain from showing controversial, anti-communal, terrorist operations details etc., on TV; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) All television programmes transmitted or retransmitted through a cable network, are required to adhere to the provisions of the Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code prohibits carriage of programmes, which, *inter-alia,* are likely to promote, on any ground whatsoever, disharmony between communities or which is likely to disturb the public transquility. Under Sections 19 and 20 of the Act, the Government is empowered to prevent carriage of a programme on a channel on the Cable Network.

Proposal for compulsory weekly television holiday

88. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a compulsory weekly television holiday in view of the damage that television has done to society at large and to families in particular;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have done media survey on the ill effects of 24 hours television;